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SUBJECT: PANAMA SC MEETING: MESSAGE OF ARGENTINE FOREIGN
MINISTER TO PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: BA 1635

1. SUMMARY. GOA SENDS MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT OF
PANAMA ON EVE OF U. N. SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.. NO ACTION
REQUIRED.

2. BUENOS AIRES PRESS TODAY (MAR 169 REPORTED FOLLOWING
TEXT OF NOTE FROM ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER EDUARDO
MCLOUGHLIN TO PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JUAN ANTONIO TACK.

3. QUOTE AS YOUR EXCELLENCY INDICATED IN YOUR NOTE OF
JAN 15, 1973 REFERRING TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY
COUNCIL SESSION IN THE CITY OF PANAMA, THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT HAS VIEWED WITH THE GREATEST PLEASURE THE FITTING
INITIATIVE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND OPPORTUNELY HAS OFFERED ITS
FULL SUPPORT.

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4. QUOTE I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CORDIAL INVITATION TO ME TO ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH I UNFORTUNATELY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO BECAUSE OF MY PRIOR OBLIGATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IN RESPONSE TO THE FORMAL INVITATION THAT MY GOVERNMENT ATTEND, IT IS A PLEASURE TO MAKE KNOWN TO YOU THAT ARGENTINE WILL BE REPRESENTED BY ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS, AMBASSADOR CARLOS ORTIZ DE ROZAS. HE WILL PRESIDE OVER OUR DELEGATION AND WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE DELEGATION OF YOUR COUNTRY AND WITH THE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP.

5. QUOTE MY GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE MEETING WILL HAVE THE BEST RESULTS, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. SUCH RESULTS HOPEFULLY WILL CONSTITUTE A DECISIVE STEP TOWARD ELIMINATING THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM IN THE AMERICAS AND ENABLE THE JUST ASPIRATIONS OF PANAMA TO ACHIEVE EFFECTIVE EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE TO FIND A PROMPT AND POSITIVE RESPONSE UNQUOTE

6. COMMENT: THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S REFERENCE TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE LAST VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM SHOULD BE VIEWED AGAINST ITS CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE FALKLAND (MALVINAS) ISLANDS. HOWEVER, THE FURTHER INDIRECT CALL UPON THE UNITED STATES TO "RESPOND" TO "PANAMA'S ASPIRATIONS" TO "EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL ZONE" IS A LOGICAL (BUT IN EMBASSY'S VIEW SOMEWHAT GGRUITOUS) EXTENSION OF PRINCIPLE.

7. POLITICALLY SPEAKING, EX-PRESIDENT PERON HAS BEEN AN OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF PAST ARGENTINE GOVERNMENTS FOR NOT SUPPORTING PANAMA'S CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE CANAL AS A PARALLEL TO THE ARGENTINE CLAIM TO THE MALVINAS.
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